Statement

States	I.R.D.P. (Rs. in lakhs)			J.R.Y. (Rs. in lakhs)			E.A.S (Rs. in lakhs)		
	Amount released by central Govt. during 1995-96	Amount utilised during 1996-97	Achievements during 1996-97 (No. of families assisted)	Amount of Central assistance during 1995-96	Amount utilised during 1996-97	Achievements during 1996-97 (Lakh Mandays generated)	Amount of Central assistance during 1995-96	Amount utilised during 1996-97	Achievements during 1996-97 (lakhs generated)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Arunachal Pr.	171.85	*	*	243.58	16.45	0.18	1859.00	11.78	0.00
Assam	1537.96	*	*	7719.76	377.91	5.27	8020.00	308.45	7.89
Manipur	100.08	*	*	275.83	*	*	900.00	*	*
Meghalaya	225.10	30.92	489	332.20	29.73	0.63	250.00	18.59	0.20
Mizoram	142.13	—	—	183.20	*	*	1200.00	0.00	0.00
Nagaland	311.24	*	*	599.49	*	*	2080.00	*	*
Sikkim	76.99	8.14	1717	442.52	6.45	0.33	330.00	4.32	0.07
Tripura	387.70	15.55	115	671.68	20.57	0.30	1560.00	19.55	0.63

*Infromation not received from the states.

LPG to Rural Areas

1815. SHRI PRAKASH YASHWANT AMBEDKAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether LPG is also given to rural areas;

(b) if so, the number of villages which have been covered; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) On account of constraint in availability of LPG, at present new LPG distributorships are opened by Public Sector Oil Copmpanies, subject to viability, in a phased manner, only in urban areas with a population of 20,000 and above. However, from the year 1996-97, it is proposed to include smaller towns having population of 10,000 and above in the Marketing Plan for opening of new LPG distributorships by including the villages adjoining such towns.

At present the distributors of Public Sector Oil Companies register customers residing in their market area. LPG connections are released to some customers in rural areas also, who have been sanctioned LPG connections by the Members of Parliament/Government. The release of LPG connections to hilly areas, rural areas adjoining towns where unviable distributorships are located is also allowed.

Food Processing Training Centres in Gujarat

1816. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of food processing training centres at present functioning in Gujarat;